Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam)*.—What was the necessity for changing the Travellers' Banglow from the original travellers' bangalow to this new travellers' bangalow?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer.)*—The first reason was that in connection with the works for the guest house, it is proposed to utilise the old Travellers' Bangalow for certain other institutions which will have to be vacated when the new Guest House is constructed. It is felt that a better equipped Travellers' Banglow is needed for the premier town of Ernakulam.

Town Improvement Trust—Ernakulam.

117. Mr. P. C. Varkey *(Ernakulam Town-North)*.—Will the Government be pleased to state if they propose to constitute a Town Improvement Trust for Ernakulam?

Mr. M. P. Cherian *(Joint Secretary to Government)*.—Government are considering some schemes for the improvement of Ernakulam. At present there is no idea of constituting a Town Improvement Trust.

The Cochin Municipal Conference—decisions regarding recruitment and jurisdiction.

118. Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila)*.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) (i) whether the proceedings of the recent Municipal Conference have been submitted to them;

(ii) if so, will they be pleased to place them on the table;

(b) were orders passed by the Government on the decisions of the conference in

(i) the jurisdiction of the Staff Selection Board on recruitment of Municipal servants;

(ii) on the suggestion that the Municipalities should look to the sanitary needs of places outside municipal areas from which license fees are collected by the Municipalities?

Mr. M. P. Cherian *(Joint Secretary to Government)*.—

(a) (i) No.

(ii) Does not arise in view of answer to (i).

(b) Does not arise in view of answer to (a) (i) above.

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Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila)*—Was no report of the recent Municipal Conference received by Government?

Mr. M. P. Cherian *(Joint Secretary to Government)*.—It is not a conference contemplated by the Municipal Regulation. Government is not to send reminders for the submission of such reports. They are not expected to send their reports.

Village Libraries—Speech of Mahakavi Vallathol.

119. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

whether their attention has been drawn to the following passage in the speech of Mahakavi Vallathol as reported in 'Gomathi' of 25th Kanni 1112:—

"വായനശാലയില്ലാത്ത പ്രദേശം ആത്മാവില്ലാത്ത ശരീരംപോലെ നിർ ജ്ജീവമാണ്. ഒരു പ്രദേശത്ത് ഒരു വായനശാല ഉണ്ടായിത്തീരുന്നത് ആ സ്ഥല ത്തിനു പ്രാണൻ ഉണ്ടായിത്തീരുന്നതിനു സമമാണ്".

Mr. M. P. Cherian *(Joint Secretary to Government)*.—Yes.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*.—Do the Government appreciate the principle laid down in the article? Do the Government agree to the sentiment expressed there?

Mr. M. P. Cherian *(Joint Secretary to Government)*.—Government do not agree.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. രാമൻമേനോൻ *(Mulakunnathukavu)*.— മഹാകവികൾ അതിശയോക്തി ഉപയോഗിക്കുന്നവരാണെന്നു ഗവൺമെൻറിനറിയാമോ? (ചിരി.)

Mr. M. P. Cherian *(Joint Secretary to Government)*.—But Government think it is one point in favour of that.

District Registrars—Different grades of pay.

120. Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty *(Pazhanji)*.—Will the Government be pleased to state the reasons why the District Registrars all doing the same work are placed in four different grades, while the Sub-Assistant Surgeons in the Medical Department all doing the same work are placed in a uniform grade?

Mr. M. P. Cherian *(Joint Secretary to Government)*.—Are the Sub-Assistant Surgeons are not placed in a uniform grade. The question does not, therefore, arise.

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